

# 2021



## REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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Community Foundation**

*Helping Our Community Grow*

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## What do Farming and Philanthropy Have in Common?

When you think of a great philanthropist, do you envision Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, Bill Gates, and the Sam Walton Family? The reality of philanthropy at Four County Community Foundation, is that there is no set type of donor. They include men and women, from all walks of life, all professions, all ages, with varying giving interests. However, there is one thing our donors value: they wish to give back to and strengthen the local community that has given so much to them.

As the current Four County Community Foundation Chairperson and a partner of a local family farm, I can draw many parallels between farming and the Foundation. At the core of both fields is an investment. Farmers invest a great deal of time, energy, and financial resources to realize a plentiful harvest that will feed many families. Likewise, local donors invest a great deal of time, energy, and financial resources into their local communities through donations to Four County Community Foundation. The Foundation grants these dollars back to the local community through college scholarships, and assistance to non-profits that feed families, offer shelter, and enhance school programs. Additionally, the Foundation can be a leader and convener in addressing larger community needs, such as housing and transportation. Locally donated dollars stay local, keeping our communities vibrant. I am told stories of my grandfather Alfons Schapman collecting dollars from local farmers for support of the Community Hospital Foundation in the 1950's.

Just as a love of farming has been cultivated in my family, so too has the love of the Four County Community Foundation and giving back locally. My wife, Dr. Laura (Sillers) Schapman, was raised in Imlay City and served nine years as a Four County Trustee. Her father Dr. James D. Sillers, also from Imlay City, was a Foundation Trustee for nine years. They both continue to serve as emeritus members to the Foundation. Our daughter, Avis Schapman (Almont High School junior) currently serves as Co-Chair on the Four County Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Our son Cooper (9th grader at Almont) serves on YAC as well. YAC issues grants to youth-focused projects in the service area.

As a successful farmer invests resources of time, talent, and treasure into planting and harvesting, so too does a dedicated citizen invest of his or her resources into the local community, to watch those resources grow and give back. The farmer can point out a bountiful field that he has cultivated. A donor can point to a local project they have contributed to. Both feel convicted to do the work and reap the benefit of providing for the common good.

Bret Schapman  
 Chairperson

Kathy Dickens  
 Executive Director



# Your Voice – Our Vision: Community Update

Four County Community Foundation worked throughout 2020-2021 to address four prevalent needs identified by our 2019 survey. The following provides a short update on what the Foundation has been doing to address those priorities in the communities we serve.

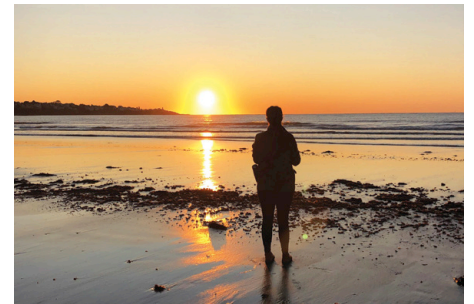
**Beyond the Bell:** Four County Community Foundation seeks to support programs related to providing youth activities for school-aged children outside of the regular school day. Recent grants helped to:

- provide transportation to and from Skyline Camp
- support the Young Musicians Third Degree Burns
- assist school clubs, including Mock Trial and First Robotics
- improve athletic fields in three communities



**Your Story Matters:** Four County Community Foundation supports programs which address the mental health needs in the communities we serve. Recent grants are:

- advocating for efforts related to mental health first aid
- supporting school programs designed to develop stronger coping skills, improve decision-making abilities, and promote healthy habits among our youth



**Let's Go Places:** Four County Community Foundation supports programs which address the transportation needs of our senior citizens, our friends with disabilities or special needs, and our neighbors who may be facing financial challenges and hardships. The Foundation is:

- convening local partners around a Transportation Collaborative, working to provide transportation throughout Lapeer County



**Stronger Together:** Four County Community Foundation continues to address the need for small business development and collaboration. The Foundation is currently:

- working with MHSDA and area businesses to build an affordable 3-bedroom, 2-bath family home in Imlay City
- working with local business industry partners to develop "Four County – Return to Earn" internship program, bringing college students from our community back home for summer internships



The Foundation plans to continue major support for our four areas of need. As the community returns to normal we encourage organizations to develop creative and innovative programs that address any of the needs described above. Support for our focus areas will once again, be given priority. We welcome your assistance as we seek to make a positive impact on our community.

### Statement of Financial Position

for year ending

December 31, 2020    December 31, 2019

ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 669,808	\$ 909,866
Investments	19,468,917	16,700,648
Accounts Receivable	-	728
Beneficial Interest in Trust	379,000	804,000
Prepaid Expense	19,109	20,175
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	150,254	124,659
Other Assets	2,098	1,862
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 20,689,186</b>	<b>\$ 18,561,938</b>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Grants Payable	\$ 168,412	\$ 137,894
Accounts Payable	21,296	10,485
Other Liabilities	7,991	6,904
Agency Funds Held for Others		
Endowed	90,484	35,184
Non-endowed	502,624	452,497
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 790,807</b>	<b>\$ 642,964</b>
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions		
Investment in Capital Assets	150,254	124,659
Donor-designated Endowment Funds	8,292,084	7,333,533
Board-designated Endowment Funds	11,099,894	10,075,785
Non-endowed Funds	356,147	384,997
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 19,898,379</b>	<b>\$ 17,918,974</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 20,689,186</b>	<b>\$ 18,561,938</b>

### Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

for year ending

December 31, 2020    December 31, 2019

REVENUES		
Contributions	\$ 722,393	\$ 1,184,155
Investment Income, net of expenses	306,736	388,298
Realized and Unrealized Gains, net	1,795,918	2,564,712
Administrative Fees on Agency Funds	771	255
Other Revenue	235	230
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 2,826,053</b>	<b>\$ 4,137,650</b>
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 565,988	\$ 545,455
Other Program Expenses	58,655	62,725
Support Services		
Management and General	178,982	196,816
Donor Development	43,023	27,695
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 846,648</b>	<b>\$ 832,691</b>
NET ASSETS		
Change in Net Assets	\$ 1,979,405	\$ 3,304,959
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	17,918,974	14,614,015
<b>Net Assets - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 19,898,379</b>	<b>\$ 17,918,974</b>

*PUBLIC NOTICE: The financial information contained in this report has been prepared from our most recent annual audit. Our audited financial statements and IRS Form 990 are on file for review at the Foundation Office during normal business hours. Copies of either document are available for a nominal fee. Names of investment managers and trustees responsible for investments and the oversight of assets are also available upon request.*





## Unrestricted Funds

Four County Community  
Jane E. Bishop Memorial  
Sam & Eleanor Mendola  
Dora & Toos Ondersma  
Alan & Nancy Parsch Family  
Dr. James & Ann Sillers

## Administrative Funds

Friends of the Foundation

## Capital Campaign Funds

Romeo Community Schools Athletic  
Enhancement

## Community Funds

Almont Education & Community  
Armada "Al Verlinde" Community  
Capac Community  
Dryden/Metamora Community  
Imlay City Community  
Romeo Community Action

## Agency & Designated Funds

Almont Historical Society  
Endowment & Project  
Amazing Grace  
Be Thou My Vision  
Family Literacy Center of Lapeer County  
Gestalt Pastoral Care  
Roland W. Graubner Endowment for the  
Romeo District Library  
Imlay City Historical Commission  
Love INC of North Oakland County  
Oxford Public Library Endowment  
Romeo Community Archives  
Symphonia Chorale Endowment

## Donor Advised Funds

American Tree - Brzozowski Family  
"Stay Strong Stan"-Stanley Ian Babinski  
Memorial  
Andy Beam Memorial  
G. Clare & Jane W. Bishop Memorial  
John & Geraldine Bishop  
Justin C. "Jut" Bullock Memorial  
Capac Adolescents Preventing Abuse &  
Crime  
Joseph & Bertha Corrión Charitable  
Robert & Rhea Corrión Endowment  
Linda Muir Grant - Imlay City Schools  
Alumni Association  
Victoria E. Hill Memorial  
Imlay Area Christian Community  
Imlay City Schools Alumni Association  
Jamie's Smiles Endowment  
Jamie's Smiles Memorial  
Ligon Brothers  
Marshall & Ilene Lock  
McGeorge Memorial  
James A. and Marilyn K. Ottevaere  
Gail Rickard Foundation  
Romeo Historical Society / Charles E. Keller  
Dr. Bernard J. Stremmler Memorial  
Waterloo Hunt Club Donor Advised  
Woods-N-Water News Outdoor Foundation

## Field of Interest Funds

21st Century Education  
21st Century Education - Almont Area  
21st Century Education - Armada Area  
21st Century Education - Capac Area  
21st Century Education - Dryden Area  
21st Century Education - Imlay City Area  
21st Century Education - Romeo Area  
4CCF Feeding Families Forever  
Armada Education Foundation  
John A. Brown Memorial  
Capac Athletic Boosters Scholarship  
Endowment  
Capac Educational Endowment  
Darin Conrad Education  
C.O.P.P.E.R.  
Dennis Family  
Linda M. Felton Memorial  
Friends of Foster Kids  
Four County Community Foundation Home  
Four County Environmental  
Four County Imagination Library  
Healthy Futures  
Healthy Seniors/Healthy Youth  
Imlay City Educational Endowment  
W. K. Kellogg Youth  
Kids at Play  
Kiwanis Club of Macomb  
Lapeer Regional Hospital Endowment  
Charles B. McLaughlin Memorial  
April Millsap Memorial  
Harry Moore Scholarship  
James A. Neely Scholarship  
Rhonda Nugent Memorial  
Richmond Athletic Club Endowment  
Richmond Rotary Foundation Robert "Tiger"  
Fruin Memorial  
Ronald J. Rybar Family Memorial  
Shelby Community Foundation Endowment  
Lloyd Veitch  
Loral Watson Memorial Endowment  
The Women's Fund

## Scholarship Funds

Dan Barnabo Scholarship  
Nancy B. Barr Scholarship  
Bartholomew - Boldt Family Scholarship  
Jameson Bates Memorial Scholarship  
Evan and Robbie Battani Memorial  
The Blonde Scholarship  
David Brockman Scholarship  
Ken & Marlene Brown Scholarship  
Harry Russell Scholarship  
Capac Youth Scholarship  
Mary Chinoski Scholarship  
Cryderman-Hebblewhite Agriculture  
Howard & Marie Dahn Scholarship  
Detroit Sportsmen's Congress Scholarship  
The Ruth M. & Mary Margaret Farley  
Scholarship  
Marion & Robert Fischer Scholarship  
Steven Fritz Sr. Memorial / Romeo Kiwanis  
Scholarship  
Grettenberger-Wheeler Scholarship

## Scholarship Funds (continued)

Ellis C. Haskell Scholarship  
Haskell Trust Scholarship  
Hilda M. Hill Memorial Scholarship  
Ruth Isaacson Memorial Scholarship  
Gary K. Jeffery Memorial Scholarship  
Knights of Columbus Council #7018 Roman  
Catholic Scholarship  
Laurie Lee Memorial Scholarship  
Russell W. Ligon Memorial Engineering  
Scholarship  
Michigan Association of Professional  
Insurance Agents Scholarship  
Al Moran Scholarship Award  
William & Betty Morrison Memorial  
Scholarship  
Robert & Sharon Muir Scholarship  
Murdie Educational  
North Macomb Soccer Club Scholarship  
Lyle & Joyce Powers Scholarship  
Karras Pelfrey Memorial Scholarship  
Julie Pihlaja Korb Memorial Scholarship  
Preisel Family Scholarship  
Ruth M. Sayles Memorial Scholarship  
Shelby Community Foundation Scholarship  
Endowment  
Sisson Scholarship  
Glenn L. Smith II Memorial Scholarship  
George S. Souten Scholarship  
Vera Souten Medical Field Scholarship  
Albert Himes & Jean Currey Stanwood  
Memorial Scholarship  
Starkweather / Garvin Scholarship  
St. Clement Church & K of C Council  
#7018 College Scholarship  
Tabar-Schultz Scholarship  
Brian Verstreate Memorial Scholarship  
Gladys McLean Warner & John Rodney  
Warner Scholarship  
Watchdog Scholarship  
Floyd W. West Memorial Scholarship  
Lee Weyer Athletic Scholarship  
Lewis Wilson Music Scholarship  
Xi Gamma Rho of Beta Sigma Phi  
Scholarship  
John & Susan Zwiernik Scholarship



## 6 New Funds

Four County Community Foundation is proud to welcome the following new funds.

4CCF Feeding Families Forever Fund will provide a permanent source of revenue to address and alleviate food security issues in the communities we serve.



The Evan & Robbie Battani Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an Almont High School senior who participated in track, football, or wrestling and who demonstrates love and compassion for his/her fellow students and community.

The John & Geraldine Bishop Fund is a donor advised fund that seeks to benefit arts and culture in the local community.



The Four County Imagination Library Fund, in partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, purchases books for children (birth through age 5) living within the communities we serve.



Love INC of North Oakland County has started an agency fund to provide program support as they mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in northern Oakland County.



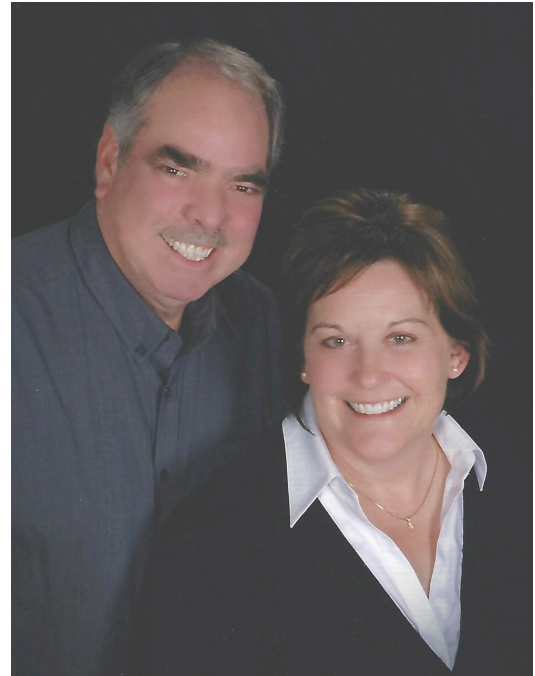
The Robert & Sharon Muir Scholarship Fund supports graduates of Imlay City High School as they continue their education.

The Preisel Family Scholarship Fund awards annually to an Imlay City High School graduate who plans to pursue a degree in an area of public service; law enforcement, public safety, education, medical fields, and/or the US Military.



The Ronald J. Rybar Family Memorial Fund supports the Richmond Lions and civic events in and around the city of Richmond.

The Alan & Nancy Parsch Family Fund is an unrestricted fund that was established to benefit the needs of our community.



The Robert & Rhea Corrión Endowment Fund supports nonprofit organizations that provide food, shelter, and other vital services to our local communities.



It is with your support that we help our community grow!

## Our Merger with Shelby Community Foundation

Four County Community Foundation is pleased to announce our recent merger with Shelby Community Foundation (SCF). The SCF was founded in 1996 to enhance and enrich the quality of life for citizens of the Charter Township of Shelby.

Over the last 25 years, the small but dedicated group of SCF Directors and volunteers raised over \$1.7 million for the benefit of Shelby Township residents. During that time, they granted \$658,000 to community programs and awarded \$132,500 in scholarships.

As part of the recent merger, Shelby Community Foundation transferred the assets of 14 charitable funds totaling \$878,000 to Four County Community Foundation. Seven of these funds are permanently endowed and represent a majority of the assets.

Welcome, Shelby Township! We look forward to serving you.



**Charitable funds from the Shelby Community Foundation are now managed by Four County Community Foundation. The funds will continue to benefit the people of Macomb County and Shelby Township.**

**The Shelby Community Endowment Fund** supports programs which serve and improve the community of Shelby Township.

**The Kiwanis Club of Macomb Fund** supports community programs of the Kiwanis Club.

**The Jameson Bates Memorial Scholarship** is awarded annually to graduating seniors residing within Shelby Township who plan to pursue a degree in a medical field at an accredited college or university.

**The Detroit Sportsmen's Congress Scholarship** is awarded annually to graduating seniors who are DSC Junior Members, or children and grandchildren of DSC members in good standing for at least two years.

**The Shelby Community Endowment Scholarship** is awarded annually to graduating seniors residing within the Shelby Township. Eligible students demonstrate strong academic work and active participation in school and community activities.

**The John A. Brown Memorial Fund** supports competitive events at the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress. It also helps maintain the DSC shooting range in Shelby Township.

**The C.O.P.P.E.R. Fund** supports projects and programs which benefit the Shelby Township Police Department.

**The Friends of Foster Kids Fund** supports the needs of foster children in the Shelby-Macomb community and throughout SE Michigan.

**The Healthy Futures Endowment** was established on behalf of the State of Michigan to support health programs for children and senior citizens in the Shelby-Macomb community.

**The Jamie's Smiles Endowment Fund** awards annual grants to support programs that assist children with special needs in Macomb County.

**The Jamie's Smiles Memorial Fund** provides clothing and care items to children with special needs and their families.

**Kids at Play Fund** focuses on providing all-inclusive playground equipment throughout the many parks in Macomb County.

**The Charles B. McLaughlin Memorial Fund** supports senior citizens with services which allow them to stay in their homes.



## 2021-2022 Youth Advisory Committee

Carsyn Boggio (Romeo)  
Ava DeVlaminck (Dryden)  
Emma Ebner (Capac)

Andrea Frederick (Almont)  
Ginger Gottler (Imlay City)  
Tyler Klinkman (Armada)

Sydney Livingston (Imlay City)  
Julia Schaefer (Capac)  
Avis Schapman (Almont)

Cooper Schapman (Almont)  
Abigail Snable (Oxford)  
Emmerson Sullivan (Almont)

### What is a Youth Advisory Committee?

Over 30 years ago, in an effort to increase the giving capacity of community foundations throughout Michigan and to engage youth in the grantmaking process, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation sponsored a Youth Challenge to grow youth endowment funds. These funds were to be used exclusively for grants allocated by youth advisory committees for local nonprofits' youth programming. From this funding our Four County Youth Advisory Committee was born!

### What is the role of Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)?

Our YAC is a subcommittee of Four County Community Foundation with a permanently endowed youth fund. YAC is composed of members ages 12-21 who review requests and allocate grant dollars to local non-profits' youth programming. Since its conception, YAC has awarded over \$650,000 in grants to local projects and programs for youth. That is a substantial impact!

### Bringing ideas to life

YAC is currently engaged in a new quarterly grant application program they call "Grant Tank" (inspired by the Shark Tank television show). They requested that youth groups apply with a short video pitching their project. In its first round, seven innovative applications were awarded funding:

- Romeo Middle School plans to update and improve the RMS Courtyard, a place for everyone to enjoy being outside while at school
- Imlay City High School theater groups will purchase lighting and sound equipment to improve their stage productions

- Almont Middle School Grade 6 geography plans to purchase a number of globes and maps, so students will be able to work in small groups as they explore political boundaries, land relief, populations, and capitals around the world
- Capac Jr/Sr High School is turning an unused room into the "Spear-It!" store, a place for students and the community to purchase spirit wear
- Almont High School art students will take a field trip to the DIA to experience the immersive Vincent Van Gogh exhibit
- Imlay City High School music department will purchase instruments and music to form its own Mariachi Band
- Almont Middle School will purchase the equipment needed to produce and distribute quality video productions

### YAC serves our community

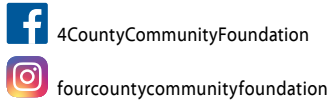
In addition to grant making, the 4CCF YAC is a leader in service. Throughout 2020, they engaged in distributing food and creating a movie to thank dedicated educators and support staff in our community. They are actively pursuing ways to contribute to the positive mental health of our area youth. In August, YAC facilitated the annual Capac Backpack Giveaway. They recently conducted "Socktober," a sock collection event to supply pantries with socks for local residents who may be in need during the cold winter months. They even invited all Grant Tank applicants to join them in bowling, with admission being sock donations.

Four County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee is comprised of youth that give of their time, talent, and treasure. Their work and dedication to community youth reminds us that our future is in good hands!





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## Mission Statement

Four County Community Foundation is committed to serving the current and emerging needs of our local community, continuing the tradition of philanthropy begun generations ago. The Foundation is dedicated to bringing together human and financial resources to support progressive ideas in education, health, community, youth, and adult programs.

The Foundation provides a secure, flexible vehicle for individuals, families, foundations, and organizations to positively impact the quality of life in our community. The Foundation recognizes that, in order to meet its commitments to the community it serves, it must seek growth through its permanent endowment funds from a wide range of donors.

## Legacy Society

We gratefully recognize those who ensure a legacy to the Foundation by planning their future gifts. The following people are an encouragement to others to remember Four County Community Foundation in their charitable plans.

Janet Bauer • Mitch & Dawn Blonde • Gary & Micaela Boomer  
John & Connie Brzozowski • Robert & Rhea Corrion • Kathy Dickens  
Marion & Robert Fischer • Grace Hill • Paul & Elsie Hinzmann  
Ella Mae & Gertrude Murdie • Catherine & Dorothy Ondersma  
Dr. James & Ann Sillers • Bernard Stremler, M.D.

Please contact the Foundation if you would like information on becoming a member of our Legacy Society.

## Advisor's Circle

The Foundation recognizes and thanks the professional advisors who have worked with their clients to establish major gifts for Four County Community Foundation. Their work is indispensable. The numeral following each name indicates the number of gifts brought to the Foundation.

### MANY THANKS TO:

Brian Delekta, 2 • Shane Diehl, 1 • Sebastian V. Grassi, 1 • Cynthia Lane, 1 • Ed Lynch, 3  
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